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ADDITIONAL CAPACITY CREATED BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of additional capacity created by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the last five years in Wireline, Fixed Wireless and Mobile Segments; and

(b) the cost of adding per line of Wireline Connection, Fixed Wireless Connection and Mobile Connection of BSNL network separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, details of the additional switching capacity created by BSNL in wireline, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and Cellular Mobile segments during the last five years is given below:

Sl. No.	Item	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Wireline capacity (lines)	6664850	6374761	3864090	1305324	794076
2.	WLL capacity (lines)	#	#	311500	1489450	465950
3.	Cellular Mobile capacity (lines)	#	#	2657140	2170811	4631203

BSNL WLL and Cellular Mobile Services were commissioned in 2002-03

(b) The estimated per line cost for wireline, WLL and Cellular Mobile connection in BSNL network is furnished below:

(i) Cellular Mobile Connection = Rs. 5500/- (handset to be procured by subscriber).

(ii) WLL = Rs. 9000/- (including the WLL handset)

(iii) Wireline = Rs. 26000/-.

The costs indicated above are estimations only. The actual costs may vary depending upon a large number of factors which include existing network in terms of infrastructure, switching and transmission equipment at the time of project execution, demand and the pockets which are being covered by the conceived project. In addition, advancements in technology are gradually leading to network convergence due to which a large part of the network is being shared by the different access types such as wireline, WLL and Cellular Mobile.